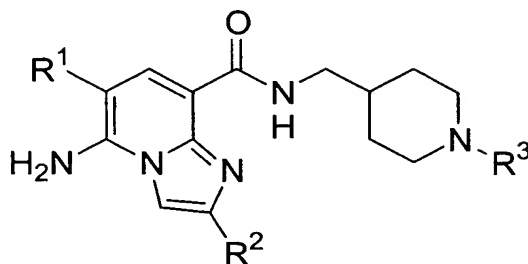


ABSTRACT

This invention provides a compound of the formula (I):



(I)

- 5 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein
R¹ represents a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom;
R² represents a methyl group or an ethyl group;
R³ represents a branched alkyl group having from 3 to 6 carbon atoms or an alkyl
group having from 3 to 6 carbon atoms substituted by an alkoxy group having from
10 1 to 6 carbon atoms;
with the proviso that when the terminal carbon atom of said alkyl group of R³ is
substituted by said alkoxy group, said alkyl group is a branched alkyl group.

These compounds have 5-HT₄ receptor binding activity, and thus are useful
for the treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease, non-ulcer dyspepsia, functional
15 dyspepsia, irritable bowel syndrome or the like in mammalian, especially humans.
This invention also provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising the above
compound.